of organizing rural poor (To be nominated by Chairman DRDA)

25. District level Chairman of the Land Mortgage Bank.
26. Representative of District Milk Union (To be nominated by Chairman DRDA).
27. Two representative of the weaker sections, one of whom may be drawn from SCs and STs. These representatives may be the beneficiaries of the programme (To be nominated by Chairman DRDA).
28. One representative of rural women, preferably a beneficiary (To be nominated by Chairman DRDA).
29. A member belonging to minority community (To be nominated by Chairman DRDA).
30. Chief Executive Officer – Zilla Parishad Member Secretary.
31. Project Director, DRDA
32. One Nominee of Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment.

[English]

Private Power Projects

1845. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries/foreign agencies which are developing/executive power projects in the Country exclusively with their own financial resources without involvement of Indian Finances; and

(b) The terms and conditions laid down by the Government for execution and running of such projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No proposals have been received from foreign investors for setting up power projects in the private sector exclusively with their own financial without involvement of Indian finances.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Wastage of Petrol

1846. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest calculations 3.2 lakh litres of petrol and one lakh ton litres of diesel is wasted every day by vehicles waiting at signals at the various crossings in Delhi.

(b) wether the Government have drawn up any plan to reduce such waste; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Loss of diesel and petrol on account of idling of vehicles at various crossings in Delhi has been estimated to be of the order of 3.22 lakh litres of petrol and 1.01 lakh litres of diesel per day, in the study conducted by the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) at the instance of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA).

(b) and (c) Government of Delhi has planned several steps to reduce the traffic congestion, minimise pollution and accidents and to provide safe and smooth flow of traffic in Delhi roads. These include synchronisation of traffic signals on important corridors of Delhi, planning for the introduction of Computerised area traffic control system and installation of vehicles actuated traffic signals, etc.

Fruits/Vegetables used in Food Processing Industries

1847. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of fruits vegetables produced in India that are being used by Food Processing units; and

(b) the annual quantity of each such fruits/ vegetables is being used ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) India produces all types of fruits & vegetables which grow in temperate, subtropical and tropical climate. At present Mango, Papaya, Gauva, Pineapple, Orange and apple are the main fruits and Tomato, peas and onion are the main vegetables which are processed. The data regarding processing of individual fruits & vegetables is not maintained. However, it is estimated that in all 19.20 lakh tons of fruits & vegetables were processed during the year 1996.

Clearance to Power Projects

1848. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Tripartite pact alternative rejected" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated October 14, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance has rejected the tripartite agreement between promoters of private power sector projects;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether any alternative is being suggested in this regard; and

(f) if so, the time by which the final decision for counter guarantee for private power projects is likely to be decided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Government of India has already advised the State Government to adopt the following alternatives to Government of India Counter-guarantee to the State Guarantee for the concerned State Electricity Board's payment obligations to the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) :

(i) Direct supply of power by IPPs to high tension consumers.

(ii) Opening of an 'escrow' account, in which payments by identified consumers are credited and the liability of payment of the IPP is a first charge on this account.

(iii) Linking power generation with distribution.

Government of India is also examining certain other alternatives.

Confiscation of Property

1849. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to confiscate the property(ies) of those colonisers/land mafia who sold off the Government and Gram Sabha land to innocent people in Delhi whose houses have now been demolished or are in the process of being demolished;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) Action against encroachment of public land and unauthorised construction thereon is taken by the land owning agencies and the local bodies/Delhi Development Authority under the relevant Acts.

NTPC

1850. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "NTPC wants RBI Guarantee for new agreements" appearing in the Business Standard dated January 30, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government as well as RBI thereto; and

(c) the present status of the proposal and policy evolved to safeguard the interest of NTPC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) In order to secure payment for power supplied to State Electricity Boards, NTPC proposed a tripartite agreement with the State Government and Reserve Bank of India so that in the event of default by State Electricity Board, dues of NTPC could be recovered from the State's RBI account. The Central Government has, however, not supported such an arrangement. NTPC has been entering into Power Purchase Agreements with the concerned State Governments/SEBs on the basis of their opening of Letters of Credit in its favour backed by State Government guarantee for meeting their payment obligations.

[Translation]

Mobilisation of Funds by HUDCO

1851. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the funds mobilised by the HUDCO from the market by issuing bonds during the last three years; and

(b) the percentage of recovery of the funds provided by the HUDCO to the State Governments and other institutions and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The funds mobilised through bonds/debentures issued by HUDCO during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Taxable Bonds	Taxfree Bonds (Rs. in Crores)	Debentures
1993-94	204.50	195.50	30.00
1994-95	174.00	-	40.00
1995-96	273.50	-	20.00

(b) As on 31.12.96, HUDCO is reported to have received back 93.63% of the loan amount which was due for recovery. Details are as follows :-

	(Rs. in crore)
Cumulative loan release	9126
Cumulative repayment due	9158
Cumulative repayment received	8483